GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:96
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APPROPRIATION OF SURPLUS WATER OF KRISHNA RIVER BY ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has appropriated the surplus water of Krishna river for construction of various irrigation projects;

(b) if so, whether these constructions are contrary the decision of the earlier award of the Tribunal and also against the Supreme Court Judgement of 1997;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government proposes to intervene and resolve the matter; and

(d) if so, by when?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) &(b) The Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal (KWDT) has allocated the 75% dependable flow of the river Krishna at Vijayawada assessed as 2060 Thousand Million Cubic Feet (TMC) to the three basin States of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh as 560 TMC, 700 TMC and 800 TMC respectively. The State of Andhra Pradesh has been permitted to use remaining water, over and above their share in 75% dependable yield, without acquiring any rights on such waters. The Supreme Court judgement dated 25.4.2000 on Original Suit -1 of 1997 filed by Karnataka has observed that the lower riparian State can certainly use any excess water flowing in the river basin, but such uses should not be by way of permanent construction of large scale projects and water reservoirs. The Central Government has not accorded clearance to such projects which commit utilisation of water over and above allocated share of the States by KWDT.

(c)&(d) The Central Government constituted the second Krishna Water Dispute Tribunals (KWDT) on April 2, 2004 and referred to it the letters of complaint of the State of Karnataka as well as those of the States of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra to the Tribunal on the same date for adjudication of the disputes raised in the complaints.